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Defenders' Song, "Faith of Our Fathers"

Defender Buttons are now ready.
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Defenders' Motto, "Back To The Bible"

An Amazing Confirmation

We did not know last month, when the article, "The Coming Financial Octopus" was prepared, that the idea of a "WORLD CURRENCY" had ever entered the mind of a single statesman. It was only a knowledge of Bible prophecy and a prophetic intuition that prompted us to write as follows:

"I predict that the day is not far removed when coins minted in Central Europe, stamped by the image of some modern Caesar, will have universal circulation. I predict an ultimate pooling of world finance among civilized nations which will result in cooperative banking to the point where a universal money standard will be set up, first among western nations, and later the Orient also. In this gigantic system, a World Bank will be the directing agency. . . . Likewise, a chain of finance, controlled from one central head is inevitable. . . . It will then be necessary to do business under his (Antichrist's) trade-mark." For the first time in the history of the world we see how John's prophecy with reference to "the mark of the Beast" could be fulfilled.

In remarkable confirmation of the above statement, the daily press carried the following head-line on October 4th, "CREATION OF WORLD CURRENCY STUDIED." A Philadelphia paper also carried this sub-heading, "Pierre Laval (of France) Reported To Discuss Plan With Hoover On Visit To Washington." We read further, "International standard, based on central bank deposits proposed by financiers. Creation of a new world currency is being considered seriously by leading financiers of the world as a possible means of ending the widespread economic depression, according to reports reaching here from Basle and from Zurich where the World Bank has its headquarters."

It is a wonderful thing to be able to interpret these great world events in terms of prophecy and know in which direction the wind is blowing. A Canadian DEFENDER reader very graciously wrote us, after reading the "Octopus" article last month, "Instead of only 20,000 circulation through the magazine, it should have twenty million distribution in tract form." The reader then ordered a large quantity of the tracts to be mailed and given out.

—Editor.

(Note: For further description of the "Octopus," and other Tracts, turn to page 10, and read the statement headed, "Silent Preachers.")

Befuddled Brilliancy

General Jan Smuts gave his conception of the universe last month in his presidential address before the British Association for the Advancement of Science in London. He presented two kinds of Evolution: one moving backwards and the other going ahead. He actually thinks he sees them both in operation at the present time. In essence, he believes that the entire universe is degenerating except man's mind. The mind of man alone is evolving; all other Evolution having ceased, turned around and started backwards.

He said, "While the stream of physical tendency throughout the universe is on the whole downward, toward disintegration and dissipation, the organic movement, on this planet at least, is upward, and life structures on the whole becoming more complex throughout the course of organic evolution. From the viewpoint of physics, life and mind are thus singular and exceptional phenomena, not in line with the movement of the universe as a whole. Perhaps we may even say that at the present epoch there is no other globe where life is at the level manifested on earth. . . . I suggest that at the present cosmic epoch we are the spectators of what is perhaps the grandest event in the immeasurable history of our universe."

He continues, "Among the human values thus created science ranks with art and religion. In its selfless pursuit of truth, in its vision of order and beauty, it partakes of the quality of both. More and more it is beginning to make profound esthetic and religious appeal to thinking people. Indeed, it may fairly be said that science is perhaps the clearest revelation of God to our age. Science is at last coming into its own as one of the supreme goods of the human race."

After building up the kind of a system General Smuts builds up, it must have taken real courage to bring the name of God into the conglomeration as he does toward the close. He is remembered as a warrior in the Boer and World Wars rather than as a scientist. Perhaps this accounts for his courage.

Befuddled Brilliance!!!

The Scientific HOW of the Translation of the Church

By Gerald B. Winrod

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." — I Thessalonians 4:15-17.

"TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR."

"Then shall two be in the field; . . . Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore." — Matthew 24:40-42.

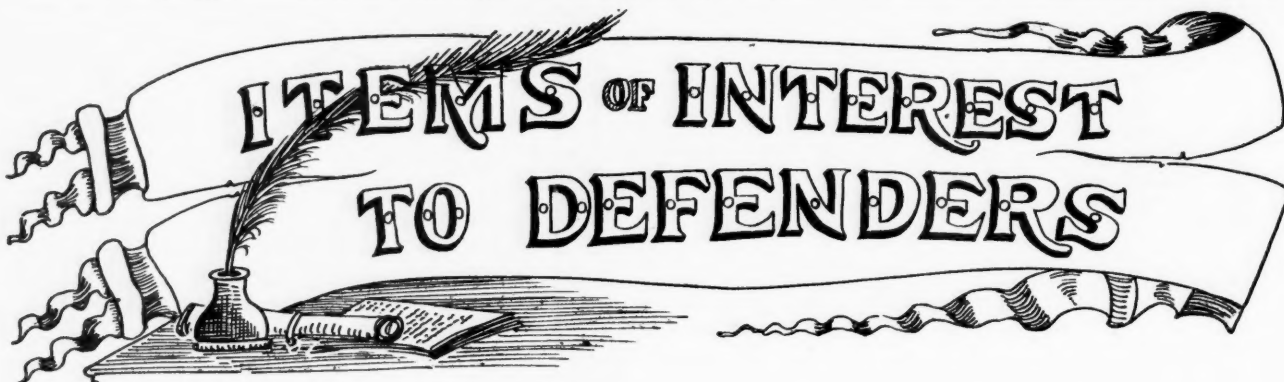
The Wise Virgins

The great prophetic discourse given by the Christ on the Mount of Olives is continued from the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew to the twenty-fifth. He says, "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish."

The bridegroom and his royal party were delayed in coming. The virgins became weary and slept. Their lamps burned low, then out. They slept on. Suddenly, they were jarred from their slumbers by the shout of the bridegroom's messengers who preceded the royal host, saying, "BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH; GO YE OUT TO MEET HIM." Quickly, the virgins begin trimming their lamps, but they find that the supply of oil has been burned out.

Five were prepared for this emergency. They had an extra supply. The other five wanted to borrow, but this was impossible because there was none to spare. The foolish virgins dashed off to buy a fresh supply, but not being prepared they missed the marriage feast because the bridegroom came before they got back. "AND THE DOOR WAS SHUT." They were denied entrance. Jesus closed the parable by saying, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

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"BANG!" A few weeks ago someone blew up a Japanese railroad bridge near Mukden, Manchuria. Chinese swore the Japs did it themselves to provoke a crisis and provide an excuse for turning machine guns loose. War loomed; many killed. Overpopulated Japan must have a place to overflow; productive Manchuria, near Japanese Korea is ideal. Moreover, Soviet Russia has been flirting with Manchuria. Japan is bitterly opposed to the invasion of Red propaganda into her part of the world.

DURING THE RECENT Episcopal convention in Denver, which brought 10,000 delegates together, Judge Ben Lindsey got a terrific slap in the face right in his "home town." The slap was administered by England's Episcopal Bishop Furse of St. Albans, London, who condemned birth-control and companionate marriage in an impassioned speech.

"WE WANT BEER" yelled some of the American Legion men during their recent Detroit convention, at the close of a truly masterful address by President Hoover. This cry represents the strata of ex-service men who sponsor the dances, and prize-fights over the name American Legion in the smaller communities. Can one visualize the old heroic G. A. R.'s conducting themselves in this manner?

RUMORS have been floating around Washington lately to the effect that the President was soon to deliver a radio speech advocating the legalization of 4 per cent beer. Nothing could be further from his mind. Mr. Hoover fears the word saloon, and he knows that if the bars are let down it will only be a question of time until we have the old saloon back, with all of its accompanying vice, only a thousand times worse than it was before the coming of Prohibition.

FARMER PHILOSOPHER says, "When God calls, anoints and removes a man from the world, to preach, that man is henceforth 'spoiled' to the world. Perhaps this is why preachers make such poor real estate agents."

ATLANTA'S Mayor James Lee Key has for some time been an out-spoken opponent of Prohibition and at the same time teacher of a Bible Class in the Grace Methodist Church. Pastor Tyler of the Church announced a few Sundays ago, that "in the interests of peace" the Mayor would cease to teach. Most Georgians have moral convictions in matters of this kind.

IT WAS an interesting contrast to read press reports of the Denver Episcopal convention saying that a strong group advocated birth-control and the loosening of divorce regulations one day, and the very next day a wave of sentiment in favor of divine healing was reported. To say the least, the two do not work well together.

PUTRID are most of the tabloid newspapers of our larger cities. They seek to create an appetite for sewerage. After a characteristic outburst a few days ago, a disgusted editor of the higher type said, "Journalism, it seems to us, now reaches a 'new low'."

IN A VALLEY in Northern Rhodesia, a lion was seen lurking around the village. The natives were afraid, Missionary Myron Taylor, rifle in hand went to kill the beast. After firing, and missing three times, the gun jammed, the lion charged and killed the missionary.

THE UNITED STATES keeps moving west. The Washington Census Bureau finds this year that the center of population is at Linton, Indiana, a prosperous little town of 5,000 population. Celebrating its distinction, Linton's proud Rotary Club dedicated the top of a nearby hill as the "spot." In the last ten years the population has moved 22 miles west. In 1790 Baltimore was the "spot"; 1880, Cincinnati.

WHEN COLUMBUS discovered Porto Rico, Ponce de Leon, the visionary young man who later searched for the "fountain of youth" named the Island Puerto Rico, meaning rich port. He thought such a beautiful spot would have to be rich in gold. Twelve years later, the Spaniards began to settle there, making it the oldest settled civilized land in the Western Hemisphere. Porto Rico is Uncle Sam's youngest child, having been purchased from Spain following the Spanish-American War.

THE FLEMING H. REVELL COMPANY of New York is now bringing out the fourth edition of Dr. Winrod's book "Christ Within."

SAID PRESIDENT HOOVER on the Jewish 5692 New Year's Day this year, "In business, the arts, the professions, philanthropy, citizenship, and above all, in the evolution of the spiritual life of mankind, the race (Jewish) has contributed elements of strength, beauty and tolerance which are the common heritage of all men."

LET SOME EVOLUTIONIST explain this: The eel will travel thousands of miles to reach a point south of the Bermudas to breed and die. The young find their way back to the rivers of Europe and America, and, in turn, follow the puzzling cycle.

PROFESSOR HENRY B. BIGELOW of Harvard University is heading a party to search for evidence of the supposed "lost continent," Atlantis, which has been believed for centuries to be in the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. The sediment now overlying the alleged site of Atlantis will be studied and if it is found to be the character of soil existing on dry land, it may be concluded that this land was elevated at some time in the past.

ARTHUR BRISBANE, the popular news writer, said a few days ago that the finances of the world were in a muddle. We read, "The extraordinary thing is that nobody seems to know anything. It is all a guessing contest. Our great financiers are as much puzzled as spring chickens when the first snow comes."

STRIKING BACK at Mussolini, the Pope has issued a ruling that in Italy, a civil marriage, even if followed by a religious ceremony, is a "sin."

CHINA'S vicious dragon, the Yangtze river, went on a recent rampage, swept 250,000 persons away, to death.

ITALIAN CATHOLICS fear and hate the Methodists. In Italy there are 42 Methodist Episcopal Churches, 5,000 communicants, 2,000 Sunday School pupils, presided over by Italian preachers. Mussolini's Government permits Methodist preachers to perform marriages and funerals, the same as priests. No other Protestant group so irritates the Pope as the Methodists.

SILENT "GREAT SOUL" GANDHI of India who goes about clad in a loin-cloth as do the humblest Hindus, is one of the most commanding figures in the world. There seems but one explanation for his strange power, "soul force." Right now, he is rocking the British Empire to its foundation. He is the paradox of the hour. Another peculiar personage on the boat journeying from India to the London Round Table, was pundit Malaviya, who each morning made, out of a half ton of Ganges mud on board the ship, a new, fresh little god to worship.

IN SHAWNEE, Oklahoma, 1,000 Pottawatomie Indians gathered recently for a peculiar pow-wow. Their legal charge is that their ancestors were driven out of what is now the Lake-drive residential district of Chicago. They are asking for the neat little sum of \$1,000,000,000. They said, "From 1836 to 1840 a great injustice was done."

SAID A METHODIST BISHOP to a gathering of preachers in Wilkes Barre, (Turn to page 14.)

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GOUTHHEY'S FORUM



Has Romans 6:3, 4 anything to do with the form or mode of baptism? Also, what is the original meaning of the word baptize as used in the New Testament?

No, as the context will clearly show. Like all other passages of Scripture it is impossible to determine the meaning of this one unless read carefully in connection with what precedes and follows.

The meaning of the word baptize is a much controverted question. On the final meaning of the word the best Greek scholars have never been able to agree. Peter says baptism by water is the answer of a good conscience (I Peter 3:21) and is a type or figure of the inward washing of regeneration. In other words, it is the outward sign of an inward wrought work. It is not so much the mode of baptism as the work of grace of which baptism is the type or figure that counts.

"What is Sin?"

Sin is defined in the dictionary as "willful breaking of the divine law: any violation of, lack of conformity to, or disobedience to, the divine will," etc., etc. This definition covers the same ground covered by I John 3:4. However, this definition does not say all that needs to be said about Sin. In fact it is almost impossible to say the last word on Sin. Language breaks down before it reaches the thing itself. The definition quoted above deals largely with the manifestation of sin. The cause is always deeper down and farther back than the effect and is therefore harder to locate. Paul's definition of Sin in Romans 8:7, first part of the verse, comes nearer finding the thing itself perhaps than any passage in the Bible. "The carnal mind is enmity against God" — mark you, not at enmity, but is enmity. It is a somewhat lodged somewhere in human nature which hates God and would tear Him from His throne could it reach Him! Not always does it manifest itself violently, but always it sets aside His law by one method or another. Be the setting aside of His law violent or otherwise, always back of the transgression is Sin itself. In order to deal with Sin successfully therefore, the atonement must be applied by the Holy Ghost to the whole inner life of the individual. Then, and then only, is Sin reached.

"Where did Cain get his wife since he and Abel were

the only two on earth besides their parents?"

Ordinarily I would take neither time nor space to answer this question, but the questioner is obviously so sincere that I feel an answer is due him.

If you will study the Bible more closely you will find that several generations elapse between the birth of Cain and his marriage. He doubtless married a rather close kin, but nevertheless he probably had quite a variety to choose from.

"Our instructor of a Course of Bible in the Department of Religious Education in University says that it is absurd in the light of modern science to believe that the Old Testament story of the sun standing still, recorded in Joshua 10:12-15, can possibly be true. What is your answer?"

My dear young friend, I have several things to say:

First, your Professor makes a statement which he cannot prove, hence at the outset puts himself in a bad light. What, may I ask him, has "modern science" ever proven to warrant his statement that "it is absurd to believe," etc. The burden of proof is on him. If he cannot furnish it he is the absurd ass in this case and not the one who

believes because he has no scientific reason for rejecting. See?

But there are stronger reasons for belief in this case. Prof. Totter (a chronologist of world wide fame) by a very careful mathematical calculation shows that working back from the present time to the winter solstice of Joshua's long day it falls on Wednesday. Whereas by calculating from the prime date of creation forward to the winter solstice of Joshua's long day it falls on Tuesday thus showing the loss of a complete day of twenty-four hours. Just where this book may be had I do not at the moment know, but you might try Lorziaux Brothers, Publishers; One East 13th Street, New York.

"Our High School biology teacher says that all real scientists accept Evolution. He also says there is not one real scientific argument against it. What do you think?"

I think your professor is like so many others: He needs educating!

Get a copy of "Is Evolution an Established Fact?" and sit him in a corner and make him read it. When he has finished ask him to list the names of the "real scientists" given who reject his monkey business, and then ask him to answer the arguments made.

He will be so busy for a while at least that he will not have time to spill his bunk on uninstructed high school students. If the book does not finish him give me his name and address, I want to work on him in person!

Difficulty, the Road to Progress

"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion," said the Prophet in the long ago. And one might add, woe to them that are at ease anywhere else.

To become too comfortable is to become lazy, and laziness is the rust that destroys the machinery of progress.

Half the pleasure experienced by the person who stands upon a mountain summit is the joy of having accomplished a difficult climb. Ease never toughens fiber, increases courage, or strengthens faith. And fiber, courage and faith are the stuff out of which character is built.

Human nature naturally seeks the "line of least resistance," but to drift with the current is usually to drift into the stagnant slough of mental torpor, physical lassitude, and spiritual decadence.

Most of us get thoroughly awake only when some great peril, or disappointment or sorrow meets us in the way. It is then that we muster all the latent powers of mind and spirit and fight our way out. And in fighting our way out we make headway. True, we may come out of the conflict a bit "mussed up," wounded here and there, and sadly in need of "first aid," but the joy of victory will be in our heart and the music of triumph will hurry our feet along the road of progress.

No one ever found the beauty spots in nature, heard the sublimest music of the sea, or picked the most fragrant blossoms along far trails while sitting in an easy chair lazily brushing away the summer flies. Neither will one find the richest things in grace until one is willing to suffer and sacrifice and fight. "All things come to him who waits" is about as true as that other saying, "What is to be will be" — and both are like half the other lies one hears; not a word of truth in them!

There is a time to wait, but it is only that moment of pause after battle when one is receiving the reward of an heroic fight, and "what is to be will be" providing one forces the issue by hard work, undaunted courage, and indefatigable persistence.

There is no royal road to best things and the person who seeks it will die of dry rot.

A Smile A Month

Somewhere I have read of a woman who, during the Civil War, heard that the enemy was near. Taking the first weapon she could find, which happened to be a poker, she rushed out to meet the foe. When asked what she hoped to do with such a weapon she replied, "Well, I can at least let them know what side I am on." I have tremendous admiration for that woman! Only cowards fail to line up at a moment of test. Call it by what fancy name you will, failure to line up and show your colors is cowardice.

(*Editor Winrod says: "There is no better condensed treatise on Evolution in print today than Dr. Gouthey's 25 cent booklet 'Is Evolution an Established Fact?' It may be secured from the Better Book Room, Wichita.)

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**SUNDAY
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**GOD REVEALED TO MANKIND
 IN EXPERIENCE AND NATURE**

Editor's Note:—Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, guest editor of The Beacon's Church Page, asserts in the accompanying article that God is Revealed to man and not discovered by him. You will find much sound logic in this article.

By THE REV. GERALD B. WINROD, D. D.

"The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God."—Romans 8:9.

"The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."—I Corinthians 2:14.

A man said to me recently:

"I don't believe it, Winrod. I cannot accept it. My reasoning power revolts. I can say honestly that I have no place in my thinking for anything supernatural. I came from a Christian home of the old-fashioned sort, and if there is a God I want to know it. I am intellectually honest and I am searching after truth. I am trying to discover God, but the present enlightened age has outgrown the idea of a transcendent Being as taught by dogmatic theology in times past."

In substance these were his words. He was a university trained man and our conversation took place, recently, in a city in Indiana. I believed him to be betrayed in his thinking and I answered at once that his method was wrong in trying to "discover" God, for the reason that God is not discovered; God is Revealed. And, I submit that there is a vast difference between a discovery and a revelation.

Revealed in Experience

Man by nature is a worshipful being. He is stamped indelibly with a religious instinct. This is one thing that differentiates him from the animal kingdom. This spiritual quality coming up from the deepest ocean depths of his being, this soul-thirst, will not be satisfied with philosophy and scientific apparatus. The man who looks for spiritual realities and yet lives only in his physical senses is like Pat looking for electricity with a pick and a shovel after hearing it said that there were electric currents in the earth. Said the great Apostle to the Gentiles, "The things of God are spiritually discerned."

Revealed in Nature

My second proposition is that God is revealed in nature.

The atheist says, "There is no God." In this negative statement we have a confession that he possesses a deep religious instinct. If there is no God, why deny it? A man has to be mighty religious to take the trouble to deny it. Unwittingly the atheism

of the atheist becomes his religion. Russia is one of the most religious spots in the world. Her atheism has become her religion, called into existence by her sub-conscious heart-cry for God. If there is no God, from whence this universal cry of the heart for Him? I am thinking of the young man who said, "Sure I am an atheist and I thank God for it."

Can any one study nature and doubt that there is a God of nature? The carpet of green grass, the dazzling sunlight, the music of the bird, the mystery of the snowflake, the babble of the brook, the beauty of the mountains, the stars of the heavens, the millions of worlds, suns and systems—could a scheme like this create itself?

Revealed in Bible

There is a mountain of evidence to the effect that the Bible is a unique, supernatural revelation. The fact of fulfilled prophecy is an excellent argument. Hundreds of Bible prophecies have been fulfilled. Had only one prophecy come to pass, that would be a good argument. Jesus fulfilled 300 Old Testament prophecies in 33 years. He fulfilled 29 in one day.

The spirit of prophecy breathed in the pages of the Bible also takes one into the realm of science. It is true that the Scriptures contain scores of exact statements of great scientific discoveries made only in recent years.

The modern law of heredity was revealed to an ancient scribe when God said that the sins of the parents are visited upon the children until the third and fourth generations, and again in Ezekiel 18:12, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge."

Science reads the book of nature. Theology reads the Book of books. There is a beautiful harmony between the two. God wrote them both. They reveal Him.

Revealed in Christ

Jesus Christ is the crowning revelation of God. If you would see God, look long (Turn to page 13.)

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 Saints and angels with Him bring
 He will rule with iron rod
 Men will then revere their God
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Hear ye not wild threats of war,
 Sounds of strife the whole world o'er,
 Men's hearts failing them for fear?
 Signs that His approach is near.
 Christ is coming soon.

Saints, look up, redemption's near.
 Sinner, soon comes awful fear
 Look to Christ while yet you may
 Darkness comes and close of day.
 Christ is coming soon.

Saints and sages long foretold
 What the Church will soon behold.
 Tombs will some day outward burst
 Sleeping saints will see Him first.
 Christ is coming soon.

Then in twinkling of an eye
 Living saints will upward fly,
 Gladly meet their risen Lord
 At the impulse of His word.
 Christ is coming soon.

Christian, hast this hope within?
 Cast out, then, all thought of sin,
 Ready be by day or night
 To behold His presence bright.
 Christ is coming soon.

Worldling, hast thou any place
 Where thou mayest hide thy face
 From the King when He returns
 And His anger 'gainst thee burns?
 Christ is coming soon.

Come, Lord Jesus, even so
 Stop earths rising tide of woe.
 "Come" the church triumphant sings,
 "Come with healing in Thy wings."
 Christ is coming soon.

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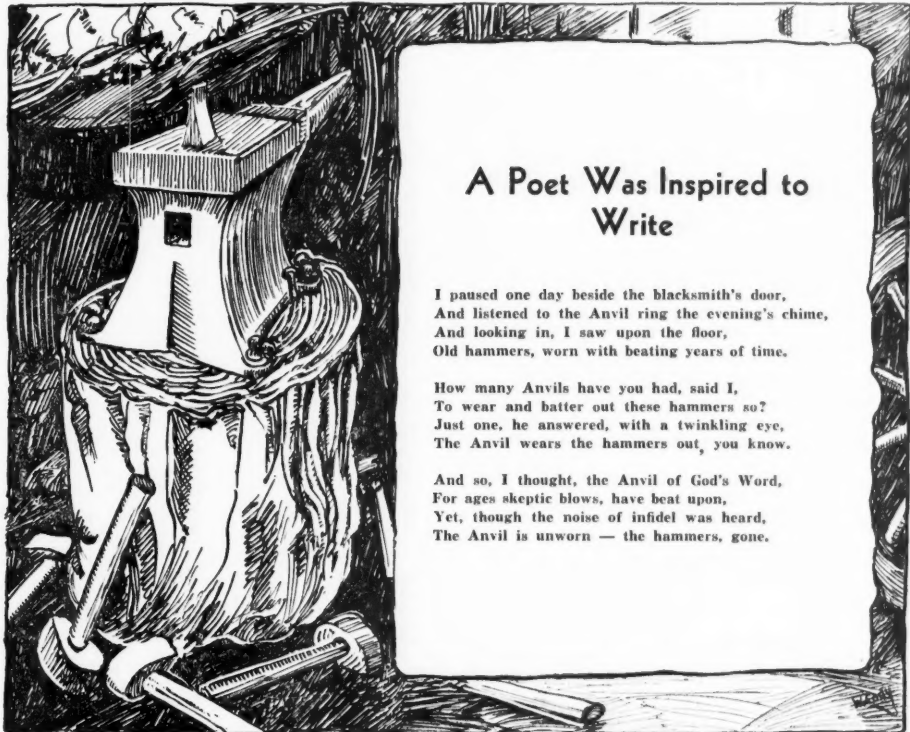
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A Poet Was Inspired to Write

I paused one day beside the blacksmith's door,
And listened to the Anvil ring the evening's chime,
And looking in, I saw upon the floor,
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.

How many Anvils have you had, said I,
To wear and batter out these hammers so?
Just one, he answered, with a twinkling eye,
The Anvil wears the hammers out, you know.

And so, I thought, the Anvil of God's Word,
For ages skeptic blows, have beat upon,
Yet, though the noise of infidel was heard,
The Anvil is unworn — the hammers, gone.

Christ's Final Word to the Latter-Day Church

By Keith L. Brooks, Editor of "Prophecy"
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In Revelation 2—3 we find the letters of the risen Christ to seven churches of Asia. It is evident that these particular seven were selected because of the very meaning of the names of the cities in which they were; because they had in them the conditions which would embrace the experience of all churches and because, taken in their order, the existing conditions in each prefigured church history from Pentecost to the Rapture.

That something more than appears on the surface was intended, is shown by the use of the word "mystery" in referring to these churches (Rev. 1:20). There is something here that only the hearing ear can get, for we are seven times exhorted to hear what the Spirit says to these churches.

It is not our purpose in this study to trace the various stages of church history as they have literally fulfilled the conditions in these seven churches of Revelation. It is

clear enough that we are led from the warmth of the primitive church until we come to a time of coldness, spiritual deadness and apostasy at the end of the age. Can there be any doubt that we are living in that stage of the church pictured in the letter to Laodicea?

Democracy in the Church

The word "Laodicea" means "people rule." It suggests the democratic idea — popular opinion ruling — every man for himself and seeking to dictate and control. Religion was never more fashionable than today, but for the most part, it is an easy religion of pretty sentiments, hollow profession, little spiritual life, a mere "form of godliness." It is a day of soft-soap in the pulpit, for people want ear-ticklers rather than dogmatic Christianity of the Bible. It is a day of costly church structures, popular minis-

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WHAT IS DEATH?

In order that we might have a beautiful picture of the meaning of death our Creator has given us a wonderful poem—it is the life of a caterpillar.

There is poor old Mr. Caterpillar about at the end of his tether. He is mighty tottery. It is finally reported that old Mr. Caterpillar is dead.

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Now he no longer goes from clod to clod. Now he goes from flower to flower; from garden to garden; meadow to meadow. Now he no longer eats the dust. He sips the nectar of the gods from the hearts of the flowers. Yesterday a worm. Something happened that transformed that worm into one of the most beautiful creatures God ever made.

We are in the caterpillar stage now. We are in the clod to clod stage. We go from sweeping to dusting; from washing to ironing; from plowing to harrowing; making beds, cooking, sewing, mending. But one of these days we will hear that Mother is dead. What does that mean? O that means that no longer will Mother go from sweeping and dusting to washing and ironing; now she will go from the library of the Universe to the University of the Universe; from the University of the Universe to the gallery of art of the Universe and from the gallery of art of the Universe to the conservatory of music of the Universe and from the conservatory of music of the Universe to God's great gardens.

What is death—a triumphal archway from earth's limited things to the boundless things of the every-where. Is it any wonder that with this philosophy the philosopher of long ago seeing death coming down his valley road and coming up his garden path that he went right up to death and nudged him on the shoulder and said "O death where is your sting." Then looking the grave out of countenance shouted "O Grave, Where is thy victory. Death is swallowed up in victory. Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord

Jesus Christ." Old Paul knew this philosophy. His heart and soul blazed with it.

Is it any wonder when we consider the greatness of the Universe and the possibilities of man that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have EVER LASTING LIFE.

IMMORTALITY

Critics pronounce this one of the daintiest productions of the kind in existence.

Two caterpillars crawling on a leaf,
By some strange accident in contact came;
Their conversation, passing all belief,
Was that same argument, the very same,
That has been "proed" and "conned" from
man to man,

Yea, ever since this wondrous world began.

The ugly creatures,
Deaf and dumb and blind,
Devoid of features
That adorn mankind,

Were vain enough, in dull and worldly strife,
To speculate upon a future life.

The first was optimistic, full of hope;
The second, quite dyspeptic, seemed to mope.
Said number one, "I'm sure of our salvation,"
Said number two, "I'm sure of our damnation";

Our ugly forms alone would seal our fates
And bar our entrance through the golden gates.

Suppose that death should take us unawares,
How would we climb the golden stairs?
If maidens shun us as they pass us by,
Would angels bid us welcome in the sky?

I wonder what great crimes we have committed,

That leave us so forlorn and so unpitied.
Perhaps we've been ungrateful, unforgiving;
'Tis plain to me that life's not worth the living."

"Come, come, cheer up," the jovial worm replied,

"Let's take a look upon the other side;
Suppose we cannot fly like moths or millers,
Are we to blame for being caterpillars?
Will that same God that doomed us crawl
the earth,

A prey to every bird that's given birth,
Forgive our captor as he eats and sings,
And damn poor us because we have not wings?

If we can't skim the air like owl or bat,
A worm will turn for all that."

They argued through the summer; autumn nigh,

The ugly things composed themselves to die;
And so to make their funeral quite complete,
Each wrapped him in his little winding sheet,

The tangled web encompassed them full soon,
Each for his coffin made him a cocoon;

All through the winter's chilling blast they lay

Dead to the world, aye, dead as human clay.
Lo, spring comes forth with all her warmth
and love;

She brings sweet justice from the realms
above;

She breaks the chrysalis, she resurrects the
dead;

Two butterflies ascend, encircling her head.
And so this emblem shall forever be
A sign of immortality.

—Joseph Jefferson.

I AM IMMORTAL

I am immortal! I know it! I feel it!
Hope floods my heart with delight!
Running on air, mad with life, dizzy, reeling,
Upward I mount,—faith is sight, life is
feeling,
Hope is the day-star of night!

It was the kiss, Love, that made me immortal,—

"'Kiss,' Love? Our lips have not met!"
Ah, but I felt thy soul through night's portal,
Swoon on my lips at night's sweet, silent
portal,
Wild and sweet as regret.

Come, let us mount on the wings of the
morning,
Flying for joy of the flight,
Wild like day and dawn, swinging and
swaying,
Hung like a cloud in the light:
I am immortal! I feel it! I feel it!
Love bears me up, love is might!

Chance cannot touch me! Time cannot hush
me!

Fear, Hope, and Longing, at strife,
Sink as I rise, on, on, upward forever,
Gathering strength, gaining breath, —
naught can sever
Me from the Spirit of Life!

—Margaret Fuller.

THE END

I know it is over, over,
I know it is over at last!
Down sail! the sheathed anchor uncover,
For the stress of the voyage has passed;
Life, like a tempest of ocean,
Hath outbreathed its ultimate blast;
There's but a faint sobbing seaward,
While the calm of the tide deepens leeward;
And behold! like the welcoming quiver
Of heart-pulses throbbed through the river,
Those lights in the harbor at last!

—Paul Hamilton Hayne.

DEATH

This starry world, and I in it—
How can I get out of it?

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Leaving for Porto Rico

After finding it necessary to postpone the sailing date twice, definite arrangements have been made for Dr. Winrod and Mrs. Winrod to sail for Porto Rico November 10th. They will arrive in San Juan the morning of the 15th and will open their first **Defenders Conference** in Manati that evening. Manati is about 40 miles from San Juan. Native Spanish Christians will meet them at the boat. A rapid speaking itinerary has been arranged which will take **The Defender Message** into the principle cities of the Island. The speaking tour will continue three weeks with addresses scheduled for two or three times a day. Another week will be devoted to a systematic survey of the Island with the view of formulating plans to help precipitate a great spiritual awakening. The Winrod's expect to get back to the States in time for Christmas dinner at home with their children. It is possible that "Sonny Boy" Gordon may accompany his parents.

A band of loyal believers possessing the creative vision and message of **The Defenders** have been laboring in Porto Rico for several years. These people have solicited Dr. Winrod for some time about the possibility of building a great spiritual structure in the Island. At last all plans have been completed so that the sailing date can be definitely announced. The prayers of **The Defender Family**, to be united with prayers of the native Christians, are earnestly solicited. Gospel nerve-centers will be established all over the Island eventually. **The Spanish Defender** magazine will begin to take the form of a great Gospel journal. Revival fires will be lighted. Porto Rico has social, moral and economic problems which can be solved only by a spiritual awakening. Certain local native Christians have a clear vision as to the needs of this neglected Island which was taken over from Spain by the United States following the Spanish-American War.

It is with a deep sense of heart satisfaction and the conscious leadership of the Holy Spirit that our Editor and his wife have completed preparations for the trip. **Defender Friends** everywhere will be interested in the reports of the tour which will appear in these columns after they return.

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I go to sleep but when I wake I am still here . . .

All night the flame of life burned in my breast and brain as the stars burn in the breast and brain of the world.

And what is Death?

It is a swing-door. I push through, coming out on the other side.

But the other side is the world, just as this side is the world . . .

There is no escape . . .

So I had best do my work now, lest I shall have to do it later.

I had best do myself now, lest later I shall have to battle with the crusts upon myself,

Lest later I shall have to begin again at the beginning, unlearning all my faults . . .

This was as true a hundred million years ago,

This will be as true a hundred million years from now,

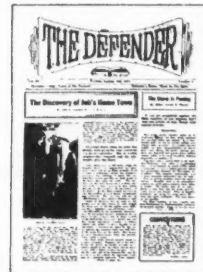
As it is now, at this moment.

—Oppenheim.

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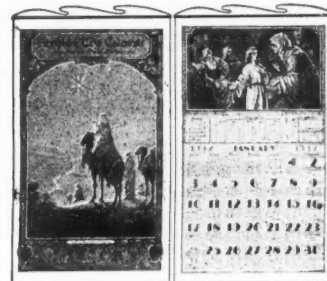
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"PRE" AND "POST"

By Oswald J. Smith, Pastor
of The Toronto Gospel Tabernacle

(Editor's Note: The Rev. Mr. Smith continues his discussion this month on the Millennial subject. The following is an extract from a recent extemporaneous address delivered in Chicago.)

The business of the church is not to convert the world. Let us get this clear. Let us understand it. The business of the minister of the Gospel and the evangelist is not to christianize the nations. The business of the preacher is not to save the souls of all to whom he preaches. That is not his task. The business of the preacher is to "evangelize" the world; that is, to give to every man an adequate chance of accepting Jesus Christ and being saved. When he has done that, he has evangelized that man.

The task of the christianization of the world is the task of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is His job. He is not going to do it in this dispensation. This is not the time nor the hour. But when He gets back again, when He reigns on the throne of His father David, He is going to usher in for the first time in the history of the world everlasting righteousness, and not until then. And if you try to do it now, you are trying to do it before the time is ripe. He is the only One Who is able to bring in righteousness and to transform the nations into what He would call Christian nations.

Now, let us get to our task. Let us keep to our God-given plan. Let me be true to the vision of the Bible, and let us go out to evangelize. I will tell you what the post-millennialist will do. He will spend a lot of time doing social service work. He will build hospitals and schools and colleges, and he will erect great mission stations, and he will do everything he can to influence foreign governments and to christianize politics and the social order; but the pre-millennialist, knowing that this world is rejecting Jesus Christ and is in opposition to the kingdom of God, knowing that this world crucified the King, the pre-millennialist will go out with only the Message of the Gospel, to evangelize, and to trust the Holy Ghost to save souls here and there, everywhere, gathering out "a people for His name." That is the difference, the difference between pre-millennialism and post-millennialism.

I am sure that you here in the Tabernacle, as well as those listening over the air, know perfectly well what I mean by the term "pre" and "post." You know that the post-millennialist believes that Jesus Christ will not come back again until the close of the millennium, until the end of the thousand years. Therefore he is not looking for Him, because he knows that His return is more than a thousand years distant, and he cannot be watching for Him at the present time. The post-millennialist believes that the business of the church is to christianize the world, and christianize society, to christianize the nations, to christianize the social order, and to bring the principles of Jesus to bear upon politics. He is trying to do the impossible. He is attempting to do something that only Jesus Christ can accomplish. He believes that he is to bring in the millennium, to usher in the Golden Age and then that, at the close of the Age, Jesus

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The Rich Man and Lazarus

By Rev. William Van Zile
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"There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day; and there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores." Luke 16-19, 20, 21.

A great many Bible students say that this is a parable, but Christ said emphatically that, "there was," impressing one with the thought that it was a statement of a real fact. God in His written Word to man, is ever warning us of danger, and telling us, long before our evil doings have led us deep in sin, what the result will be for us.

Jesus Christ was looking down through the ages, to the very day we are now living in, when He spoke of the rich man and Lazarus; and His words had a far deeper meaning than merely a rich man and a beggar.

Let us see if anything of that kind is happening today. We have great churches today in all our cities where the Word of God is never preached, but on the contrary there is one endless round of plays, and eats, and festivities, and heresy, while in every one of these churches, there are a few men and women that are hungering for God's Word, and are sorely grieved for the way that the church is drifting.

We also have these Lazaruses in every community who are pleading for the Word of God; and the church boards and machinery not only denies them the crumbs that they are rejecting, but constantly taunts and snubs them, because they will not take part in their ungodly doings. The rich man represents the nominal church of today. Nominal means, "in name only." The nominal church is in one great round of festivities and good things, as the world goes today; putting on man-made programs; putting on a great show of religion, but denying the real power behind the throne.

The beggar or true church, here designated as Lazarus, is at the door of the nominal church, begging for the crumbs that are falling from the rich man's table. The beggar died and was carried, by the angels to Abraham's bosom, which shows the catching up of the Bride or true church, to be with their Lord, out of the way of the terrible persecutions which the Antichrist will bring upon the earth.

As soon as the true church is "caught up," the rich man (nominal church), has nothing to hide behind, and soon dies. In Hades he lifts up his eyes being in torments, and sees Lazarus in Abraham's bosom, happy and contented. This picture from the lips of Christ also shows us the utter hopelessness of the sinner's state after death.

The senses of the rich man were keen and

The Pen of Brooks

From the pen of Rev. Keith L. Brooks, of Los Angeles, there is coming some of the choicest material on Bible prophecy I have ever read. The pages of his little magazine, "PROPHECY" are simply delicious. I wish it were possible for every member of the great DEFENDER FAMILY to receive his magazine from month to month. On page 5 of this DEFENDER there is an advertisement which explains how it may be received. Brooks is a jewel.

—Gerald B. Winrod.

alert in that place of torment. He remembered how he had lived in pleasure on the earth and had been wanton. He had never been willing to sacrifice any of his pleasures, to help some poor soul to see the light of Life, or to make some soul happier in this life, but he had been selfish and cruel, to those who were trying to live the Christ life.

Now in his miserable condition he pleads for help from Lazarus. But the rich man had made such a deep chasm between him and Lazarus, that it was now too late for help. This life is the only place where we can get right with God. Abraham reminded him that Lazarus could not come to him.

Then he wanted Abraham to send Lazarus to his father's house, for he said he had five brethren there and he wanted Lazarus to testify to them that they come not to that place of torment. Abraham reminded him that they had Moses and the prophets, let them hear them; but the rich man insisted that if Lazarus went to them from the dead, they would repent; but Abraham said to him, that if they would not hear Moses and the prophets neither would they hear one though he rose from the dead.

The Philadelphia Conference

The third annual Pennsylvania Conference of The Defenders was held in Philadelphia, September 27th to October 11th. For the first eight days, Dr. Winrod spoke each noon-day in the down-town Arch Street Methodist Church and every afternoon and night in the First Primitive Methodist Church, of which Rev. W. J. Waters is the pastor. Little space is given to reports of Defenders Conferences in these columns from month to month, but such a host of new friends have been left behind in Philadelphia that special mention is warranted. Following Dr. Winrod came the Rev. George D. Blomgren, Field Secretary of The Defenders, for the last seven days of the campaign.

Dr. Waters is one of the very finest pastors it has ever been the good fortune of Defenders to work with. He is a choice soul. Frequently, his spacious church auditorium was filled to capacity during the conference.

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SCIENCE AND GENESIS

By Dudley Joseph Whitney
Exeter, California



D. J. Whitney

(Editor's Note: For some time it has been the wish of this Editor to deliver to The Defender Family a series of Evolution articles, each one complete in itself, and yet possessing a connecting line of thought. It has been our wish that these manuscripts should be prepared in simple language for high school pupils and the layman. Mr. Whitney of California has supplied the need. The complete series of five articles is before us and they will be published month by month. Mr. Whitney has earned his degree in science but writes from the position of a layman. He is NOT a minister.)

For several generations certain early Christians believed that the Greek philosophers were correct in their understanding of the history of the earth. Several times during Church history Genesis has been on the defensive against the theories of scientists. When Josephus, the great Jewish historian, wrote, the Genesis account was taken as strictly accurate. Later several of the early church fathers were believers in the science of Aristotle and in the speculations of the other Greek philosophers and they proceeded to spiritualize some of the Genesis account, or perhaps to force the Scriptures to say what they did not say.

Then in the dawn of modern history, a century or a century and a half ago, the process of setting aside Genesis and putting "science" in its place began in more systematic fashion. In whatever direction science tended, there Genesis had to point also, for in those days Genesis was generally believed. The statement was not made, "Science shows this to be a fact, and therefore Genesis is wrong," but the process began, "Science shows this to be a fact, and therefore Genesis has to mean this." "This kept up until finally Genesis was rejected entirely. Today, Genesis is said to be out-of-date.

Josephus, for example, took the Genesis account to tell of the direct ordering of the earth and the creation of plants and animals upon it in six literal days. Augustine thought the earth reached its present condition by a manner of growth through long periods of time, and believed that God worked by indefinite germ creation, so he (Augustine) changed literal days into periods, salvaging his faith, by calling these assumed periods of development "ineffable days."

Science, Geology and the Deluge

In the beginnings of modern science, Genesis was believed and the fossils were considered, the result of the Flood except where some speculated that they might be remains of the original creation.

Then Laplace worked out his "nebular hypothesis," for the naturalistic origin of the solar system and pronounced it the key idea of the philosophy of evolution when he said, "Sire, in this system there is no need of God."

The geologists took up the speculation about the history of the earth where Laplace left it and worked out the scheme of modern geologic history, making the earth a gradually cooling and shrinking globe ages

old. This made a belief in evolution inevitable and "transcendental anatomy" with virtually all of the modern arguments for organic evolution was widely accepted by scholars long before Darwin achieved fame for his "Origin of Species."

Christian scholars, foolishly thinking that they had to be in accord with all the claims made in the name of science, mostly swallowed the nebular hypothesis; then they swallowed Sir Charles Lyell's theory of geologic history, with the various ages, and in doing so they had to alter the literal-day creation of Genesis into indefinite periods which were not creation. Thus the great Christian statesman, Gladstone, in his defense of Genesis against Huxley, made his fight on the basis that science was correct in earth history and that the days of creation were geologic ages. And even before Gladstone, the attempt had been made to believe both geology and literal-day creation by assuming that the geologic ages were topped by a pre-Adamic ruin and reconstruction.

And of course, as George McCready Price has pointed out, organic evolution's strongest argument is the theory of geologic ages: if creation is to be strung out for millions of years, a belief in origin by descent rather than by creation is almost inevitable, so in due time the greater part of the Christian theologians found themselves surrendering Genesis almost entirely and adopting the theory of evolution in their efforts to be in harmony with science.

The outcome justifies the words of the second Psalm, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision." All of this surrender of Genesis to science has been the surrender of truth to error, the surrender of supernatural revelation to foolish human speculation falsely called science, for in every particular where science and Genesis have differed Genesis is NOW being found right and science, falsely so-called, wrong.

The Fall of the Nebular Hypothesis

The first great step in Satan's propaganda to introduce the doctrine of naturalistic philosophy (evolution) was the theory of the nebular hypothesis — to get the earth and the rest of the solar system in operation naturally rather than by an act of creation. This a great disc of "star dust" was assumed to extend hundreds of millions of miles through space, condensing into a central body, the sun, and into secondary globes like the earth and the other planets. In their admiration for this fine theory the scholars embraced it joyfully, though realizing all the time (when they stopped to think the matter through) that the theory was faulty in many places. Finally two American scientists, a geologist and an astronomer, Drs. Chamberlain and Moulton, of Chicago University, started to work the thing through and by the time they finished, not a physical scientist on earth accepted that nebular hypothesis, of which the originator had said, "In this system there is no need of God."

Unfortunately Chamberlain and Moulton thought that they should substitute some other kind of naturalistic origin of the solar system for the one they destroyed, and so worked up their "planetesimal hypothesis," which they later altered. Then British physicists worked over the wreckage that the American scientists had caused and devised the "tidal theory," which is hardly more than a variant of the original Chamberlain and Moulton idea. In both of these a passing star is assumed to have disrupted our sun long ago and from portions of the sun made the earth and the other planets.

Of both of these theories the best that can be said of them is, "A poor thing, sir, but the best we can do." They are fanciful speculations, contradicted by numerous features of the solar system. For one thing, no material pulled out from the sun, or shot out from the sun, could possibly take the almost circular orbits of the eight planets; it would follow paths much more like those of the comets. Secondly, the rotation of their moons will not fit such theories.

Without going into detail upon these subjects one can simply say that: Whatever God did or did not do in bringing the earth into the condition it was in when Creation Week started, the astronomers are absolutely and entirely helpless in even making a plausible guess as to how the earth and the rest of the solar system came into existence. **There is positively not a single word that science can add to the statement, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."** Whatever is added is pure speculation. Every naturalistic theory for the origin of the earth is as great a failure as Laplace's theory, which the scholars first welcomed with open arms.

In this matter a few details can be mentioned: Scientists DO NOT know that the earth was very hot and gradually cooled down. There are fully as strong reasons (naturally speaking) for believing it started cool and small as that it started hot and molten. And also, every attempt to estimate the age of the earth and its early condition is a complete and absolute failure. One lot of data suggests a very old earth; another lot of data shows that the earth in anything like its present condition cannot possibly be very old. For all science shows the chronology of Ussher making what we call Creation 4,004 B. C. is just as good a date as any, though possibly Ussher's figures should be modified somewhat. **Now, I have not given the reasons for these statements, but I have the reasons available for the minute that any scientist offers to contradict them.**

The Fall of the Geologic Ages

The fact is very apparent to every one that reads the history of science that modern geology is the child of Laplace's nebular hypothesis. Start with a solar system evolving from a nebula, and assuming a cooling and shrinking earth, and an unavoidable assumption is a very old earth gradually reaching its present condition. Well and good, provided the earth is old and cooling and shrinking; very bad and unscientific provided the earth is not cooling and shrinking and provided science is playing blindman's buff in a thousand acre field in guessing about the origin of the earth.

The wind and the rain wear away the mountains and put most of the worn away material in the ocean at the mouths of rivers. However, great mountain masses are composed of material once deposited in wa-

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CHRIST'S FINAL WORD TO THE LATTER-DAY CHURCH (Continued from page 5.)

ters, high-paid talent, great social service programs.

The Laodicean church thought itself rich and in need of nothing. The Lord said they were wretched, poor, miserable, blind and naked. Because they were neither cold nor hot, they made Him sick and were warned that they would be spewed out. According to heaven's estimate, they could not be worse off, yet they were absolutely insensible to the fact, making themselves believe there was nothing the matter with them. Christ Himself was outside of it, trying to attract the attention of the individual here and there who might let Him in that He might sup with them. That is the condition in Christendom today, except for a comparatively small number who give Him place and come under the blessings of His glorious promises.

Christ's Final Counsel

The counsel of Christ to those of the Laodicean period is of utmost importance in the present hour (Rev. 3:18). We are first counselled to buy of Him gold tried in the fire that we may be rich. It will cost a man something for every bit of God's truth and of spiritual experience he gets in these last days. It is not a matter of money (Isa. 55:1). Those who are unwilling to sacrifice of time, to put forth an effort, to give up worldly pleasures — and otherwise to pay the price, will be without these imperishable riches. Note also that these things are to be purchased of none other than Christ Himself. Those who go to the cults and isms and the philosophies and sciences of the world, will be disappointed. Everything needed for these days will be found wrapped up in Christ (Col. 2:9).

What is this "gold tried in the fire?" (cf. Jas. 1:7). We believe it means an inner life enriched by the presence of Christ through faith — a heart that loves, trusts and obeys Him, however trying the days may be. It is only this that can make one rich in these last days. It is only this wealth that we can take when we are called to drop everything and rise to meet the coming Lord. Are we in possession of this gold? Are we willing to pay the price?

We are also exhorted to put on white raiment that the shame of our nakedness might

not appear. The gold belongs to the inner life, but this to the outer life. It is the dress of our souls as we come in contact with the world. It is the righteousness of Christ imputed — imparted by the Spirit. Wearing these garments, men will not be able to point the finger of scorn and say, "Look at that fellow! He belongs to the church, but watch his life!" Those who are to be taken at His appearing, will be those whose genuineness is proven by an outward life radiant with likeness to Christ.

The Climax of All

The climax of Christ's final counsel is in the words: "Anoint thine eyes with eyesalve that thou mayest see." The Laodicean church needed an eye-opener. Christians of the last days need to see Christ as He is and themselves as they are. What the ancient eye-salves were to human eyes, the illuminating grace of the Holy Spirit is to the spiritual sight of the believer. Upon first application the eyes smarted, and when once the Holy Spirit reveals Christ to the soul and convicts of sin, it may not be a pleasant process. Not until we see ourselves in all our poverty and wretchedness will we be ready to receive the heavenly riches and raiment.

Churches today are full of people whose lives are full of cob-webs, litter and rubbish. Many Christian leaders have not stopped in many a year to have a much-needed house-cleaning. The heart is a grand impostor. The Devil is doing His most subtle work, making even very sincere workers believe they are doing God service, when instead of soul-winning and spiritual building of God's people, they are giving themselves to picking flaws in their brethren and stirring up unnecessary strife.

Dr. Pantton, in a recent article calls attention to the divorce between the teaching of consecration and the heralding of Christ's coming. He says it is a dangerous development of the moment. Advent truth is becoming little more than an unreal, speculative, academic forecast of events and dates. The Judge standing before the doors, does not seem to be, in many quarters, the dynamic truth that shook the early church to its foundations.

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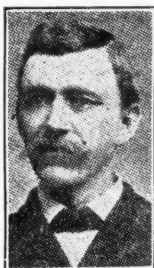
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Thinking Things Through

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VII. Tasting

This is the last of our ordinary senses, that all men, and most animals probably have in common. The tongue, palate and mouth are the seat of this sense. And it is scarcely a less wonderful sense than the others. Almost everything that we use as food or drink may be known by its taste. There may be some things almost or quite tasteless, as there may be some things almost or quite odorless. And

again there are two objects in our having this sense, to protect us from dangerous things, and to give us pleasure.

Who has not tasted things to see if they were good and safe? Though this might sometimes be dangerous. And what a pleasure our sense of taste gives us in eating. Is this the most dangerous of all our senses? How many wreck their physical and moral natures by eating and drinking wrong things, or over eating and drinking good things, just because they taste good? Here is where temperance comes in and even prohibition. We must be temperate in the use of good things, and prohibit the use of bad things. The two senses of taste and smell seem to be related, yet smell seems the finer, more delicate sense and taste the coarser. In smell we only perceive particles, some of them too fine for the scales or the microscope, while in taste we take things in the bulk, that can be seen and weighed. The fine sense can do us very little harm, except with narcotics, while the grosser sense of taste can make us gluttons or beasts. All these senses can be used in a right way, and was so intended of our Maker, yet all may be perverted and used in a wrong way as He never intended. Yet what it is that gives food its taste, and us the sense to detect it is another marvel, almost, yes, a real miracle, as all created beings are. All our senses prove a Creator.

The Bible speaks in a figurative way of tasting spiritual things. Psalms 34:8, "O taste and see that the Lord is good." Psalms 119:103, "How sweet are thy words to my mouth." Is God's Word better to you than ice cream, soda and candy? "Thy words are sweeter than honey to my mouth."

BUTTON

"Button, Button, who's got the Button?" You may have one. Turn to page 5 and read the article headed, "SHOW YOUR COLORS."

SCIENCE AND GENESIS (Continued from page 9.)

ter; sea shells, sharks' teeth and other fossils are found on mountain tops in direct contradiction to the wearing away of mountains by nature. "That is simple," said the scholars, "The earth is cooling and as it cools it shrinks the wrinkles form, and these wrinkles are the mountain ranges." The thing looks fine, but the trouble is, it is FALSE. The earth is NOT cooling and shrinking; the geologists acknowledge the fact, but do not have the courage to face the plain fact that their whole theory of geologic history was based on the idea of a globe cooling, shrinking and uplifting mountains which would be worn away and give place to other mountains.

Again, this theory of geologic ages (long-drawn-out periods of earth history) was built on the idea that the fossils were deposited at different periods, the respective ages of which were well known. George McCready Price (a Defender) has shown clearly that the fossils are often in the wrong order for those ages and could not have developed through the long periods believed. The only remaining conclusion is that they must have come by the Deluge, Noah's flood, of which more will be said later.

There is no occasion to discuss this matter further now. We have these facts plain and undeniable: I In the beginning of modern speculation about earth history, the scholars started off with a theory of the origin of the earth and the rest of the solar system that was first accepted eagerly and after a century cast completely aside to all intents and purposes; II The theory of earth history built on the idea of a cooling, shrinking earth is all wrong; III Naturalism fails utterly in accounting for this earth or in showing how it was ordered or when it was ordered. For everything that can be seen, God as Creator and Genesis as the account of Creation, is the only thing that can be accepted. Nothing in science contradicts the simple, direct Genesis account at all; only that is believable. Genesis should never make way for science; science should follow Genesis.

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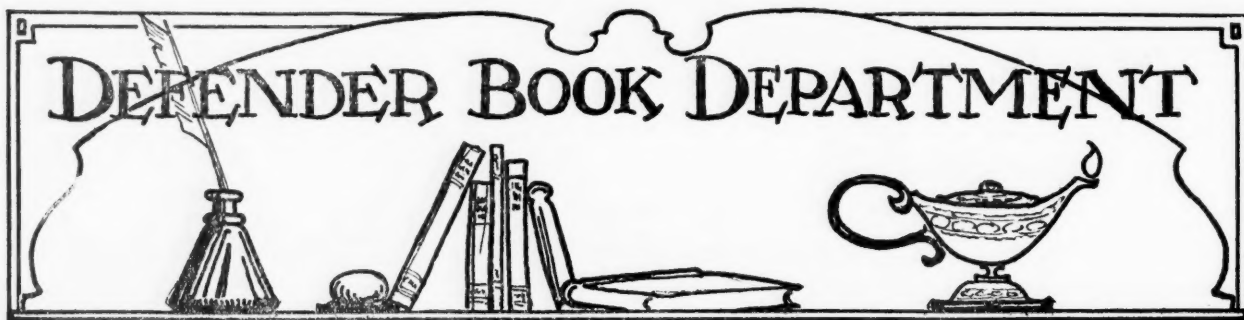
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"PASTORS, POLITICIANS, PACIFISTS." By L. F. Smith and E. B. Jones. Published by The Constructive Educational Publishing Co. Price \$1.00. 222 pages.

This book is a demolishing exposure of the Federal Council of Churches, the modernistic organization which poses as the official voice of American Protestantism. Twenty-eight denominations pour money into its heretical coffers each year. "Pastors, Politicians, Pacifists" does not deal in mere general terms; it gives dates, names and quotations. It has a topical index and a carefully prepared chart showing the ramifications of the Federal Council.

It protests vigorously against the Council's inevitable tendency toward a combination of Church and State. In an open letter to the Council, we read, "The attempt to influence the actions of Congress and public officials through bringing pressure to bear as organized churches is something else again and to that I am uncompromisingly opposed. That is merely a new theocracy, not even as frank as the old theocracies, for this new theocracy stands in the background and brings pressure to bear instead of shouldering the full responsibilities for its course."

The crux of the volume is an effort to show that the Federal Council is dominated by a spirit of Communism and that its leadership is tied in, with various radical organizations. If what it says is true, every real Christian in America is justified in turning against the Council, while every denomination is morally obligated to withdraw its financial support; if what it says is not true, certainly the authors have laid themselves open to prosecution by virtue of their startling statements.

The Communistic charge is summed up on page 182 in an open letter to the Council, "Did you have the facts that I have submitted in this letter, or facts similar to them, prior to the action taken as set forth in the minutes of which you sent me a copy? If you did have them, were you consciously acting as 'reserves' for the Communist forces? If you did not have them — especially as they are matters about which all students of the movement were informed — by what authority do you claim to advise 22,000,000 Protestant members on the course of action? . . . If you did have these facts why do your recommendations parallel exactly what the Communist International wishes?"

The above letter discusses the China revolutionary situation, on which the Council had just made an official pronouncement that was in exact parallel with the Lenin Russian policy.

Most damaging of all is the X-ray examination made into the personal lives of the "Activity Personnel" of the Federal Council. It is found that the leaders are invariably identified with radical, liberal and modernistic organizations. The leaders thus X-rayed include S. Parkes Cadman, Bishop Charles

H. Brent, Samuel Cavert, Edward L. Devine, Sidney L. Gulick, Henry Goddard Leach, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Bishop William F. McDowell, Charles S. MacFarland, Dean Shailer Mathews, Kirby Page, Harry F. Ward, Halford Luccock and others.

Some of the officials are found to be Socialistic, ultra-radical, identified with the Farmer-Labor political party and the I. W. W.'s, editors or writers on liberal, secular and modernistic journals, members of Communistic committees, etc.

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asm by every sincere student of deep Christian subjects. In considering the negative side of the controversy the author wants to know where such an idea as the virgin birth could have originated if there was no fact behind it. He says, "If the virgin birth of Christ was not a fact, the idea of the virgin birth certainly was; and as a fact it requires some explanation." He braces himself deliberately to answer and confound every skeptic, no matter what argument is raised in an effort to cast reflections upon the chastity of Mary and the Deity of Christ.

No scholar needs to be misguided any longer on this tremendous theme. If Jesus Christ was virgin-born He was the supernatural revelation of God. If He was not virgin born He was an insane, egotist and the greatest impostor that ever lived.

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This text-book is a remarkable condensation. It sums up the entire Bible and provides an excellent outline of studies. With (Turn to page 14.)

THE SCIENTIFIC "HOW" OF THE TRANSLATION OF THE CHURCH (Continued from page 1.)

The application would be that these foolish virgins were professing Christians. They knew the doctrines. They were born-again believers. They even believed in the doctrine of the second coming, but **they were not ready.** They lacked oil. They had a form of godliness, an intellectual concept, but **they were not ready.**

Oil is a type of the Spirit. If you have oil, your lamp will shine. Said the Christ on another occasion, "Let your light so shine." Your doctrinal statement must be backed up with the power of a shining life. One admirable trait in connection with Wesley's preaching was his rigid demand for clean living. Perhaps he did not sound the depths of grace, and possibly he did not emphasize the "Eternal security of the believer," but let one meet Wesley's requirements for clean living and the "security" of that one will never be brought into question. His preaching placed wholesome restraint upon the conscience. The foolish virgins lacked oil; they lacked a Spirit-filled, Spirit-anointed experience! They were not ready.

There is a marriage feast coming in the end of this age. In the Revelation it is called the "Marriage Supper." In the Song of Solomon it is called the "Banqueting House." It comes when the bridegroom appears. It is the glorious event which accompanies the translation of the church. The wise, Spirit-baptized, expectant virgins will be admitted to this feast. **The believers who possess the virgin life of Christ in their hearts and are prepared, knowing as they do the prophecies which relate to His coming — this body of believers "SHALL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS, TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR."**

"Watch therefore."

While the saints are at the marriage feast, entering into the eternal wedded state with Christ the Bridegroom, the world will be passing through the most terrible period of suffering in the history of our humanity. Jesus said, "For then shall be great tribulation."

Difficult to Grasp

It is impossible to wrap the human mind around this stupendous miracle. The translation of the church will be one of the great dramatic periods of history. What an hour! What a crisis! Homes, cities, nations suddenly thrown into turmoil, saints missing everywhere! But because so many strange things will be happening, such iniquity shall abound, nature will be so torn and ravaged, the heavens and earth and sea will be in such convulsions, immorality will be so seething like hell-broth, war and disease and suffering will be so burning the race out in the white fires of its own lusts, the people remaining on the earth-plane will get only a passing thrill out of the departure of the believers. There will be a puzzled look on faces for a time, but so many things beyond finite comprehension will be happening that the rank and file of people will soon pass over the event and forget, having been unable to grasp its meaning. This is the hour in which Satan will be making His final attempt for permanent world dominion.

If these things seem strange and fantastic to us now, let it be remembered that the changes wrought between now and then will be so great and revolutionary, that when the tribulation breaks it will seem to be the natural result of causes already set

in motion. If there is some sincere skepticism at this point on the part of honest Christians; if it is difficult to understand how the translation of the church could be; if it seems to be too great a draft on the faith of some one, let it be remembered that it is a **MIRACLE.** That's all, it is simply the arm of God being moved to **SUPERNATURAL ACTION.** Miracles are never understood.

The Scientific Element

Notice two things. Jesus, referring to the translation, says it will be instant over the whole planet. Saints will be lifted from every part of the world. Every "kindred and tongue" will be represented at the marriage feast. In two different Gospels, the Lord gives us the scientific setting. He says two will be plowing in the field when the clock strikes — it will, therefore, be **NOON** on that side of the earth. Two will be grinding at the mill; the meal was ground in the morning hours in ancient times; therefore it will be **MORNING** on another side of the earth. Two men will be sleeping in a bed, one shall be taken and the other left, which means that it will be **NIGHT** on another side of the earth.

Noon, morning, night; instant the world over when He calls.

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians he says that the translation shall take place, **"IN A MOMENT, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE."** We are informed that the word "moment" also implies, if it does not actually state, that the change shall be in "the substance." This is to say that your spirit which permeates your flesh and dwells in every cell of your body, will suddenly be quickened by the action of the Spirit of Christ upon you, to the point where the cell structure will be lifted to a higher level of vibration. Thus, the living believer will never see death; **"WE SHALL BE CHANGED."**

No scientist can tell you what the life is which pulsates through your body cells because that life is **YOU.** You are a spirit; you do not have a spirit; you are a spirit and you have a body. You dwell in every cell of your body; (the body is "the earthly house of our tabernacle") and when you, the real you is "quickened," your physical body will feel the effect of this quickening process, and "this corruptible" must put on incorruption," "this mortal must put on immortality."

The Mystery of the Air

"To meet the Lord in the air."

This is an interesting statement. How can it be? How could the saints meet the Lord in the air? Higher critics have scoffed at the thought. Honest Bible believers have been forced to accept it in blind faith. Now, for the first time we begin to understand, scientifically, how this strange thing could be.

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From Augsburg, Germany, a yellow, rubberized gasbag lifted itself gracefully, pulling beneath it a seven-foot aluminum sphere in which two scientists were safely riding and from which a Swiss flag was flying. The name of the balloon was CH-113. The names of the scientists were Auguste Piccard, age

47 and Charles Kipfur, age 27. Their goal was to rise above the atmosphere into the stratosphere, up, up, and up to see what there was to be seen, to study the intensity of cosmic rays at that altitude.

The world waited in breathless suspense. The balloon soon disappeared from sight. It rose above the highest point ever reached by human being until that time, 43,166 feet. It continued until it eventually reached the unthinkable distance of ten miles above the earth-plane. For more than fifteen hours it floated. About 9 p. m. CH-113 settled upon an Austrian glacier and scientists Piccard and Kipfur had a new story to tell.

Said Piccard, "Our ascent was of fairy-like beauty. The rare glances from the cabin windows belong to the most beautiful which I have ever seen in my life." It was 75 degrees below zero outside, but by careful preparations the scientist experienced a temperature of 100 degrees above, inside their cabin.

If, with our crude, fumbling, limited knowledge, we are able to produce a device in which men can live fifteen hours ten miles above the surface of the earth, shall we think that the Christ Who made the world shall be so limited in power that He can not sustain His own for three-and-one-half years, while the nations below are undergoing tribulation?

The stratosphere is thought to be a rarefied layer, presumably twenty miles deep, encountered about eight miles above the earth's surface. The temperature is thought to be stationary at about 75 degrees below zero. Scientists believe that about forty miles beyond the stratosphere there is a layer of iodized gases, from which radio waves "bounce like light rays from a mirror." It is reasonably certain that no rain or clouds ever exist in the stratosphere belt.

Piccard says, "I firmly believe that within a few years, it will be possible to remain in the stratosphere for days or even weeks."

Yes, Mr. Piccard, so do I.

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GOD REVEALED TO MANKIND

(Continued from page 4.)

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As these words are written, Dr. E. F. Webber, who has spoken in many parts of the United States under the auspices of "The Defenders of the Christian Faith" is engaged in a gloriously successful revival at the Gospel Temple of Wichita. During the last three months Dr. Webber has held campaigns in Bloomington, Illinois, Toronto and Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. He is a Contributing Editor to *The Defender*.

DEFENDER BOOK DEPARTMENT

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rapid strides it takes the reader through the centuries beginning with a statement about the origin and construction of the Bible. It is at once evident that the author has consulted the best commentaries and has read widely after the foremost Bible scholars. When the reader finishes that little book he will have a panoramic view of the entire scope of Bible truth. The "Brief Bible Text Book" will also suffice, very well, for daily family devotional reading. No better investment, in current religious literature, could be made then to send a quarter for this book.

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Another suggestion: Some helpful books are reviewed in the Book Department this month which would make lovely Christmas presents.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO DEFENDERS

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Pennsylvania, "Let me hear of one of you preaching that pessimistic doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ and back to the 'sticks' you will go next conference."

A GOVERNOR PLAYS Santa Claus. In the coal mine section of western Pennsylvania five milk stations were opened recently to supply free milk to the thin, sickly, half-starved children of miners who have been thrown out of work. Gladly, did children go and drink. Some mothers said it was an answer to prayer. Who was supplying the milk? Who built the stations? It was kept a secret for many weeks, but finally a newspaper reporter found the generous givers to be none other than Governor and Mrs. Gifford Pinchot.

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"PRE AND POST"

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Christ will return, but not until then. That is post-millennialism.

The pre-millennialist believes that Jesus Christ is coming before the millennium. He believes that Jesus Christ is going to usher in the millennium. He does not believe that the present-day Church is to establish the Golden Age, or to bring in the reign of peace. He knows that the Church cannot. But believes that Jesus Christ Himself, after He has gathered out "a people for His name," as He Himself has stated, "will return," and will reign for a thousand years in millennial splendor. Now, the pre-millennialist is optimistic in his outlook on the future, while the post-millennialist must be pessimistic, if he is willing to face the facts.

I have two things left to say, and I will say them very briefly. I want to say, first, that the incentive to a holy life is the hope of the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Luke 21:34-36: "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness." "Oh, but," you say, "I don't get drunk and I don't need this warning." Yes, but don't speak so quickly. Listen while I read the rest of the verse: "And cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

There is nothing in the world that dims the vision of the return of Jesus Christ like the cares and responsibilities and obligations of this life, the petty cares and anxieties, the home cares, the office responsibilities, the financial burdens. Therefore, we are warned. Our Lord tells us to beware lest He should come when we are so taken up with the burdens and the responsibilities and the cares of this life that we are not ready to meet Him, and we are ushered into His presence unprepared. He warns us. That is why you and I ought to lay aside the routine of everyday life, our business cares, our home responsibilities, and forget them, and gather to the house of God, or get alone in the privacy of our own room, often for meditation, and keep our attention focused on the hope of His return.

Listen again in First John the second chapter and twenty-eighth verse, to these words: "And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He shall appear, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming."

Let me say that there are going to be countless thousands of believers who will be ashamed when they are ushered into the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now, I know the common belief. I know that the regularly accepted belief of the day is this, that the very moment a Christian dies, he enters everlasting bliss; that the very moment a Christian departs this life, he goes to a place of happiness. I want to say that if you study God's Word, you will find out that this is **not** the case. Every Christian is not prepared, even though he may be saved by the blood of Jesus Christ, even though he may have been born of the Holy Ghost. Tens of thousands of believers are going to leave their bodies and stand before the Lord with downcast eyes, ashamed in His presence. And if you can think of any punishment more terrible than that, I would like you to name it. For a Christian to be ush-

ered into the presence of the Lord Jesus and immediately become conscious of shame and guilt, lose his reward, miss the crown, and hear His Lord's words of disapproval, will mean the most intense mental and spiritual anguish. And, there are some who are going to be ashamed. If you are not living out and out for God, if you are hobnobbing with the world, if you are allowing sin in your life, if you are living in a backslidden condition, I want to say to you that you are going to be ashamed when you are ushered into the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The last thing I want to say is this, that the return of the Lord Jesus Christ is the comfort of the believer. You remember what Paul said in Thessalonians, when he concluded his message on the Second Advent. He added this closing word: "Wherefore, comfort one another with these words."

Death, and separation, and martyrdom, and sacrifice, and persecution, and anything else in the way of affliction that can ever come to the believer, loses its power and becomes less terrible because of the comforting hope of the Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. And it was because of this that the early Christians were able to go to the lions, to death, and were willing to be burned to the stake. They said: "This is your day now, Nero; it is going to be His day in a little while. This is your day now, persecutors: it is going to be our Lord's day hereafter. You have the upper hand today; He is going to have the upper hand at last. This is not the end of the story. This does not complete the program. You take our life now, you martyr us here, but we are going to be exalted hereafter. Our Lord is coming back again, and then, Nero, and then, Alexander, and then, Napoleon, your throne is going to seem like the plaything of a child, in comparison with the throne of our monarch, our Lord, and our God, for He must reign from the rivers to the ends of the earth. His dominion is an everlasting dominion; it will have no end." Ah yes, His day is coming — "wherefore, comfort one another with these words."

There are men and women here who do not know Jesus. There are men and women here who are not saved. There are men and women here who have listened to this message, but they will be ashamed before Him at His Coming. There are things in their lives that they would not want Him to see. They are compromising with the world, they are hobnobbing with sin, they are not clear-cut, they do not live out and out for the Lord Jesus Christ, they are not one hundred percent for God. He is not getting their undivided attention. They are serving God some days, but they are serving themselves and the world and Satan other days. And God is calling and saying, in view of His return, "Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you and be a Father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord. Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

Jesus Christ can break every fetter, He can snap every chain, He can conquer that besetting sin, He can set you absolutely at liberty. He can make you a free man, He can emancipate you, if you will only give Him a chance. He can give you all the strength of character you need. He can sanctify your will power, until you can do what you could not do. He will work through you, and make you victorious. Then, when He comes, you will not be ashamed. You will be glad, you will welcome Him, you will rejoice.

This Girl Knows Why She Rejects Evolution

The following letter is from a young lady in a northern state. So that she need not be embarrassed because of the stand she has taken, her name is not being published. That her intelligence and Bible knowledge is above the average for her years is disclosed by the kind of a letter she has written.

"Dear Mr. Winrod:

"I am a girl 14 years old and in the tenth grade at school. Our high school opened yesterday.

"Among the subjects which I selected I found a place for ancient history. The reason I took it was because of the amount of church history which is included and that naturally interests me.

"I have a friend who has taught me quite a bit concerning the fallacy of such subjects as Evolution; not forgetting to mention the priceless amount of good they have received from reading *The Defender*.

"However I saw no reason for 'making such a fuss' over a little thing like that for I never had heard anyone in H— say they believed in it.

"So you imagine my surprise when this morning (only the second day of school) our history teacher began telling us 'scientifically' where the earth and man came from. This year I had started school very ambitious but as far as history goes she threw a 'wet blanket' over the whole thing for me. Perhaps you would be interested to know some of the statements she made.

"She asked what we supposed the first man looked like. One of our 'brightest' students said she thought he must have looked like a monkey. Teacher said that they would not discuss whether man came from a monkey or not but said that she noticed recently in a zoo that owls had a likeness to man.

"She said the first people were probably fearful looking for they never washed their hair etc. Also she named two men (missing-links) whose skeletons had been found and it could not be decided which was the first man.

"She said that probably the way men discovered that fur would keep them warm was by feeling of animals; but the Bible says God gave them skins of animals before they left Eden.

"Then she said man had to develop a language. Probably the first was imitating sounds of animals; forgetting that Adam talked to God and gave names to all the animals.

"She also said they ate wild animals uncooked for they didn't know what was good for them to eat, but I believe that Adam became quite well acquainted with the fruits and food he ate in Eden. Besides God didn't give them permission until Noah's time to eat meat.

"She told how there used to be reptiles and dragons about 80 feet long which flew through the air before man's time; then that this earth was covered with water and life started on the water. Also she tried to give a few theories on how the earth started. Besides other things too numerous to mention, one of the boys said that he is reading a book 'The Story of Geology' which gives many theories on how the earth began.

"It seems funny to me that if man was such a poor little creature that the monstrous animals should cease to exist and yet he live.

"How thankful I am for *The Defender*. Just think of how much error I might have accepted if it were not for your paper. . . .

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